December 21, 1932.

Rev. Samuel M. Kelley, D.D.,
Devil's Lake,
North Dakota.

Dear Dr. Kelley:

Your letter of December 5th is in my hand. May I express deep sympathy in your great bereavement. I can think of no sorrow which is sharper at the time.

I read your letter with great interest. Things you say are too true. I may in the future be able to use material in this letter.

Cordially yours,

W. Courtland Robinson.

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January 24, 1933.

Rev. A. R. Kepler, D.D.,
Wooster,
Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kepler:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated the privilege of seeing you again and to see that you were looking in fine physical condition. The event which called us together was indeed too sad for words. You helped us so much with your prayers. I think, with you, that Julian was a rare specimen of God's noblemen. It seems impossible that he should have gone from us so early and so quickly.

Mrs. Robinson would join with me in warmest greetings to Mrs. Kepler. We learned to love you both in the times we have met in other years.

Most sincerely yours,

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Editor,The Presbyterian;

Your editorial, "Church Trustees" in the issue of June 16th was an admirable defence of some Christian men who have served here and there on boards of trustees. But outside that fact,and with an acknowledgement that your individual experience may have been a happy one, those who know the Chuch at large,know that there is some fire somewhere to produce the smoke.

How can you possibly draw a line between "the spiritual side of Church work" and "the business side" ? Is there any business that has to do with the Church which does not vitally effect the xxXxxxx spiritual power of the Church ?

I believe we are paying the price of calling upon outsiders to contribute business leadership rather than depending upon that spiritual leadership which is an ideal in Presbyterianism. Our great southern neighbor, the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. leaves the temporalities with the deacons,in as much as they are ordained, Scripturally established and authorized by Presbyterian law. Some of our own Churches have solved the problem by selecting a majority or all of the trustees from the personel of the session.

It is a great help to an individual Church to have any radical change suggested by General Assembly or Presbytery rather than to depend upon local initiative. It is here that you and I,who,though happy,can be our unhappy brother's keeper,and probably do more to solve the much talked of "unrest" than one thinks from casual observation.

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Sirs:-

I thank you for re-addressing my copy of The Presbyterian to my London address. I will be leaving for America soon & therefore kindly request you, until further notice, to mail my weekly copy to Dr. A. R. Kepler
% Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
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instead of to Mill Hill London.

I want to tell you how much I appreciate the Presbyterian. I usually sit down at Earliest opportunity and read it from Cover to Cover. —

I've just had the wonderful treat of attending all the three General Assemblies of England, Ireland & Scotland. —

My warmest regards to Dr. Robinson whom I will look forward with pleasure to seeing once again soon.

Sincerely Yours

A. R. Kepler.

The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Moderator:

After a careful reading of Dr. Burrell's discussion of the present situation of the General Assembly, in the February 25th Presbyterian, just received, I should like to comply with your request for the name of a Moderator this year, who is out of any clique, and best fitted to bring harmony out of the present confusion that prevails in the Assembly, and the many mistakes that have been made, as so well discussed in the article. The name of Rev. David De Forest Burrell, D. D., who so nearly got the selection last year.

If he, or his like, can be chosen this year, we certainly can hope for a beginning of much better things for the great Presbyterian church. Hoping for a defeat of all the overtures sent down this year, and all connection with the "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America". Yours for such changes,

A retired Elder.

(G. L. Knight, Jacksonville, Ill.)

Union Thanksgiving Service

What People Write

Editor The Presbyterian,

In a late editorial, there were some points on Thanksgiving, which pictured the failures of the Captains of the Lord's Host as worthy of being Court Martialed when the Chief of the Nation calls on every one to assemble in their respective places of worship; it is the part of the Captains to do their duty. Instead of doing so, they get together, and put up a Union Service and practically give an invitation to a scattering few, to observe the day. And more and more, "Thanksgiving day" has become an exhibition of "Lovers of pleasure, more than Lovers of God." and a disrespect of the Ministry that has ceased to cry out and spare not; and failed to call the attention of their Congregations to their bounden duty of joining in thanksgiving to God, and acknowledging Him as the Giver of all good. It would seem that there should be more effort made to concentrate on this one day of the year, and devote it to true and hearty God Service. At least one Christian College has discarded Thanksgiving as a Sport Day. Roosevelt well said "The only way to do a thing, is to do it." and God makes plain, the right way to do it. is, to "Do it Now." Even National Prayer Service, has been turned into a kind of Declamation Service.

David H. King. ~~H. B. St.~~

Note, that H. is not a K. as appears on my address label.

New Martinsville W. Va. Aug. 23rd

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.
Phila. Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson: You must forgive me for sending my circular. It is merely to introduce me.

It is always with Fear and ~~trembling~~ trembling that a man addresses an Editor, because he cannot say the last word, the only prerogative of women and Editors. = depression" of utterly Dr. Robinson, this "depression" of utterly ruined my ~~de~~ lecture-dates. I tried to get a Church, but Churches are afraid of the "lecturers". Anyhow I have passed the middle brittle period of a young man aged about thirty-five, so that closed doors. Then I tried to get a Mission Field and found to my dismay, that hundreds of preachers are available, and that many students just out of Seminary could not be supplied mission fields.

So, for two years, I haven't earned anything and my subscription to your paper was due long ago. (Its like in South Bend. I am here protem).

I picked up a book yesterday: Thoughts from famous women; among them quotations from Madame Guion, De Stael, Harriet Martineau" and others. I looked over it and ~~etc~~ what my wife calls, "one of my brilliant ideas" came ~~to~~ to me (That her satire). My vocation is, lecturing on Apologetics and my avocation, studying ants and gathering up "Epigrams" recording them. Many of them are centuries old.

I wonder, if (as they say in Indiana, that Studebaker town of South Bend,) I wonder if we could "swap!" Let me pay my subscription with Epigrams!
The Congregationalist" pays an Epigrammatist
=The ~~this~~ Thoughts from and ~~this~~ are flimsy. These "are not comparable to those famous women" are not compared.
I have collected and recoined.
Anyhow, I will send a list. They have cost me an immense amount of work-to modernize them, altho. they do not read "smelled of the lamp," ~~that way~~ as if they
I thought you might quote one at a time and this list would cancel my debt. If you don't agree with me, I will take no receipts whatever. Only you must cancel my subscription, & wait until I can pay with gold ducats -and when that will be, even Hoover-Roosevelt Company dare not prophesy. xxx
Print it a shame that I can't get a pulpit to "supply"? I know nothing of being a "pastor", but I am not worried about that. I think the word "pastor" only occurs once in the New Testament.
But I do know how to be a Collie dog to defend the sheep, with defiant barkings and ready for a pitched battle with any wolf at any time. if it wears the fangs of a "modernist".
If any are too severe-mild
Send some with lady fingers instead of claws. If these do not suit will try again.

Yours Faithfully

I do hope- sincerely- we can "trade". I don't think I have ever been quoted in "The Presbyterian".

Received Epigrams
John B. Roehm
(Some of these Epigrams are centuries old.)

If costly sacrifices are not acceptable to God to bribe His forgiveness of sins, of what avail is the mockery of a golden shrine, sanctuary in which to worship Him?"

We cannot judge the will of God by our wills cramped with sin.

Young Peoples Societies have degenerated many ~~the~~ from nests of eaglets into bees and drones, one bee to a hive of drones.

Calvin, Knox, Luther preached the Bible as it is written. That made them Shaggy browed mountain men.

A College Faculty ~~with~~ bribed with "modernism" has a schoolgirl's lisp.

The devil sticks his tongue into our "churchly" prayers.

Gods punishment of Egypt for its oppression of His chosen people, is, that the river Nile now glares upon its pyramids through the eyes of crocodiles.

A woman should take gems from her fingers before going to church. They may contain the stench of brothels that long ago became ash-heaps.

Our poets whimper like pups. Not one American poet has a lions roar in his throat.

The "Trial sermon" was invented in hell and patented on earth by men who imagine that the Church belongs to them and not to Christ who built it.

When a man's wealth outweighs the combined earnings of multitudes of his hirelings, he should be made to

wear a beard more voluptuous than the tail of a circus horse, so that death may know who he is, when they meet in an auto-accident - and apologize. - perhaps!

Pulpits bellowing "Social Service" are useful as wild oxen pawing up the bloody clods of a battlefield.

A silken pulpit gown hides many a starved sermon.

The Evangelical faith is a river. It may be tossed by a storm, but it never flows from its bed -

Stone churches often infect the members with the chill of death at the very mention of the word "Revival."

When the "modern" girl's conscience has lost the angel virtue to blush, the devil laughs.

A Church without a revival wears upon its Sabbath lips, the sneering silence of the cemetery.

The "pastoral prayer" stuffed with veiled compliments to the people is over listened to in hell.

We jeer at Negroes and Africa, ancient, mysterious, prolific as anthills, sneers at our frosty rides, that turn black after death.

Our pacifist reformers are trying to slay the serpent of crime, by tying its tail into a bow knot called "Prison Reform." God has never abrogated His law, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

Why not make Church officers who despise Evangelism, wear copper nose-rings to mark a new pastor unfit to shake hands with them. Let the too diseased with the [illegible] hatred of Paul the greatest of evangelists?

West Chester. Pa. June 10, 1932.

Dear Robinson:

I enclose the annual '89 Seminary class letter. You may know and be interested in some of the fellows.

You may have noticed in last week's Alumni Weekly, under "Unofficial Princetonians", that a speakeasy exists in Kingston, allowed by State troopers. Various mention was made of it. Also you noticed, doubtless, several weeks ago, in the notes "On the Campus", by a Senior, reference to the picture on the bare skirts of the Seniors having a salacious suggestion. The picture appeared about three weeks ago, showing the lower part of the main face formed by a woman's bare hips, with the main mouth formed by her - well, you can see what. What a law violating, lascivious crowd the students now seem to be. But, what can be expected from the President, who is the "whitest man in all the face", because he allows students to be, and do and sing at Senior singing almost anything?

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Kelley.

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The Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,

My Dear Doctor Robinson,

Can you use the enclosed article? Or is it too late to be seasonable? If it will gain a place in The Presbyterian, I shall be glad.

Sincerely yours,

N. N. Kurtz.

P.S. Let it be printed anonymously, if you please--if printed at all.

N.N.K

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